

YOUNG TO VOTE HIS CONSCIENCE

U.S. Representative Don Young yesterday said he would vote his conscience when he votes on the impeachment question — but he did not indicate which way that would be.

Simon Schedules Middle East Talk On Oil Situation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary William E. Simon heads for the Middle East next Thursday for a series of talks concerning the price and production of oil.

"The whole trip is energy-oriented... petroleum production and marketing and certainly the price," said a spokesman.

Energy and finance experts will accompany Simon on his journey to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel. Simon will then travel to Bonn, Paris and probably London, to meet with finance ministers.

He spoke briefly at the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday.

He predicted the vote would come about Aug. 23. Young said, "I'll vote my convictions. After all, that is what you elected me for."

He described inflation as the number one issue in Washington, D.C., but he said it was not a problem that could be solved by government action alone. "Someone has to tighten his belt," he said. "As long as we keep asking Congress to spend money we will not be able to solve this problem."

Young also defended his vote against the Land Use Planning Bill which was defeated by three votes in the House. He said anyone who studied the proposed bill would have realized it would have been a disaster for the state.

Another bill which he said portended disaster for the state is a proposed strip mining bill which, Young said, contains a provision requiring a return of the land to its original contours.